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NEWS NOTES.
Fifteen new cases of small-pox were reported at Middlesboro, Wednesday and Dr. Samuel Blair, who has been in charge of the epidemic, has telegraphed for the presence of all the members of the state board of health. Over 600 persons were vaccinated in twenty-four hours, many of the negroes being forced to submit to the pistol point.
The base-ball schedule for the coming season was adopted at St. Louis Wednesday. The season opens April 15, with Pittsburg playing at Louisville. The Colonels play at Cincinnati on the Fourth of July and at Philadelphia on December day. From a financial standpoint the schedule is a huge success.
Rowdiness on the ball field was dealt a solar plexus blow when all the league magnates, except Andrew Freedman, of the New York Club, signed an agreement to discipline any manager or player who even questioned or objected to an umpire's decision, whether it was right or wrong.
George F. Campbell, who was expelled from the ministry of the Southern Methodist church as a result of the charges preferred against him by his wife, has been admitted to the bar in Hopkinsville and was assigned by the court to defend a negro rap-shooter.
The Bryan democrats in Washington are almost to a man against the Gobel election bill, which they understand may give the republicans a majority in the next congress, although it is conceded it will elect democratic a governor in Kentucky.
Naval officers in Havana and Key West are of the opinion that the American commission will find that the Maine disaster was due to the explosion of a floating sub-marine mine, fired from the shore. Spanish authorities still cling to the internal explosion theory, and the examination of the wreck by Spanish divers will be pushed. In case of a failure to agree between the Americans and Spanish commissions, there is talk at Madrid of a mixed commission.
The impression is gaining ground that in case of war Spain can not count on assistance of any other European power. The American fleet in the Pacific is said to be concentrating at Hong Kong in order to be within striking distance of the Philippines. The cruiser Montgomery and the gunboat Nashville have been selected to carry supplies to the suffering reconcentrados in Cuba.

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M'CHORD RAILROAD BILL KILLED.
The Kentucky Senate This Morning Refused to Pass the Bill Over the Governor's Veto.
THE CAUCUS AVOIDED NOTHING.
Friends of the Prison Bill Content of Passing It Over the Governor's Veto Tomorrow.
OTHER DOINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE.
Frankfort, Ky., March 4.—The Senate today sustained the governor's veto of the M'Chord Railroad bill by failing to give it the constitutional majority when it comes up for passage. Thus the bill is killed. The democratic caucus had been held only an hour before the vote was taken but it was impossible to whip all the democratic members into line. This was one of the most far-reaching measures before the legislature.

STATE LEGISLATION.
Frankfort, Ky., March 4.—In the House yesterday Mr. Charlton introduced and had adopted a resolution providing for the firing of 100 guns today in celebration of the centennial of the Irish revolution.
The committee on classification of cities and towns had the floor and proceeded to report many of the accumulated bills in its hands. One of these, taking Madisonville out of the fifth and placing it in the fourth class, was passed.
The fondest occasion of the house session was when a committee reported adversely Rev. "Anse" Hatfield's bill putting a bounty on the scalps of wolves, wildcats, foxes, etc. Rev. Hatfield was on his feet describing the condition of things in Pike county in tones and words that set the house afire. The man who offered to recommit it to the committee on railroads because it referred to "scalping" business was hissed down. When Rev. Hatfield told how much it would ruin him to return to Pike county without getting this bill through, the house stamped to him and the bill was advanced to its second reading reading by a unanimous vote, the report of the committee to the contrary notwithstanding.
The house bill, appropriating \$5,000 for improvements at the local penitentiary was passed.
Friends of the Prison bill say that the measure will pass both houses over the veto before noon Saturday.
The house took up and forced through the senate bill gerrymandering the Third and Seventh appellate court districts. Its friends fear that it is going to reach the governor only in time to be killed.
In the house a confession of defeat of China's pure food bill was made by a favorable report of Frazier's less radical measure that has already passed the senate.
The house at the afternoon session took up Tracy's bill providing for stenographers in circuit courts in cities of second class. It was killed by a decisive majority.
The bill allowing Mrs. Mollie C. Bennett, widow of the late Judge Casswell Bennett, of the court of appeals, the salary he would have drawn from the date of his death to the qualification of his successor, \$1,400 in all, passed and goes to the governor.
The Smith anti-gold contract bill, which is a duplicate of the Bryan law in Nebraska making void all contracts payable in gold, also passed.

IN THE SENATE.
The senate met early and went to work on small matters. Consideration of the M'Chord bill veto was postponed until today and the friends of the bill are hoping that the postponement may be continued until a caucus upon the measure can be forced.
The bills passed at the beginning of the morning session were: The Triplett bill amending the ferry law to give city councils control of ferry grants; bill allowing building associations to create an indebtedness by borrowing money to meet certain obligations; bill authorizing trustees of graded schools to levy an additional tax; the house bill providing for the pay of jurors where there is actual service, but not otherwise; senate bill providing how extension of boundaries of fourth-class cities shall be made; house bill appropriating \$30,000 for Eastern Lunatic asylum. Mr. Bronston explained that it was feared that typhoid was breaking out there again.
The first fight of the senate session was over the Dental bill, passed by the house some time ago. Senator Alexander led the fight against the bill. The bill passed.
If the Prison bill goes through over the veto Saturday, as its friends now confidently claim, the following is the slate now most generally mentioned:
Henry George, Paducah; John Fulton, Bardonia; William Cromwell, Franklin.
All the various bills which had for their object the reduction of salaries

of state and district officials, and passed Meyers' house bill, allowing school trustees to employ sheriffs to collect special school taxes.
WILL CAUCUS.
The Democrats Finally Get One Called to Consider the Vetoes.
Frankfort, March 4.—The democratic steering committee last night issued a call for a meeting of the joint caucus today at 9 o'clock to take action on the M'Chord railroad and other bills. The M'Chord bill will be declared a party measure and it is hoped to whip in the democratic senators who oppose the bill and favor sustaining the governor's veto. Senator Alexander, of Louisville, and Senator Shanks, of Newport, announced last night that they and other democrats who opposed the bill will not go into the caucus.
HIS CHILD WIFE LEAVES.
General Cassius M. Clay and His Young Wife Finally Separated.
Richmond, Ky., March 4.—Mrs. Dora Richardson Clay, child-wife of General C. M. Clay, inspected several cottages at Valley View Wednesday with a view to buying one for her future residence. Her brother John accompanied her and it is understood that he and his family will live with her.
She told the owners of the cottages who gave her prices that General Clay was putting up the money for her. This was taken as conclusive proof that final separation has been agreed upon by her and the general.

ACCIDENT THEORY
Definitely Stated That the Administration Has Abandoned This as the Cause of the Maine Disaster.
General Lee Has Sent a Complete Refutation of That Theory Today—What Will Be the Next Step?
Washington, March 4.—It is definitely stated today that the administration has abandoned the accident theory as an explanation of the cause of the Maine disaster. This definite change has been caused by the receipt this morning from Consul General Lee of a complete and detailed statement which shows that the disaster could not possibly have been due to an accident.
SPANIARDS GREATLY EXCITED.
Over the Presence of American Ships at Hong Kong.
Madrid, March 4.—The public is much excited over the report of the presence of a squadron of United States warships at Hong Kong, as it is presumed the vessels intended to threaten Manila, the central capital of the Philippine Islands, in the event of war between the United States and Spain. The impartial in the article headed "To Manila to New York" quotes an unnamed high personage and scouts the idea of an imminent rupture and says:
"The presence of the warships at Hong Kong is only Washington's policy with the view of containing the 'jingles'."
The "high personage" is said to have added:
"But America has not so many warships as to warrant such bold action. If the Yankees go to the Philippines the Spaniards will go to New York."
The Globe remarks: "The government is alive to the critical situation and is silently preparing for the worst. But it is too diplomatic to disclose the procedure by which it is preparing for emergencies." In conclusion the Globe says:
"Fortunately the tranquil preparations of the government are the best assurance that it will be ready when the occasion requires it. The public seeing the coolness of Senor Sagasta should comprehend that he means acts of war." However limited the public confidence in the Premier, they, like ourselves, have confidence that better days will dawn promptly."

MARKETS.
Reported by the Lacy Grain Co.
Chicago, March 4.—The markets today ranged as follows:
July wheat opened at 90 1/2, touched 90 3/4, and closed at 90 1/2.
May corn—Opened 39 1/2, highest 39 3/4, closing at 39 1/2.
May pork—Opened 52 1/2, highest 52 3/4, closing 52 1/2.
May lard—Opened 52 1/2, highest 52 3/4, closing 52 1/2.
May ribs—Opened 52 1/2, highest 52 3/4, closing 52 1/2.
May cotton—Opened 6 1/2, highest 6 1/4, closed 6 1/2, N. Y.
Cotton—Opened 5 7/8, highest 5 7/8, closing 5 7/8, N. Y.

JOSIAH PATTERSON.
Will Gain His Seat in Congress From the Memphis District.
Washington, March 4.—The house sub-committee in charge of the Patterson-Carmack election contest will decide in favor of Patterson. This will give him his seat. He is a sound money democrat.

CONDUCTOR DUGAN BACK.
He Was Today Reinstated on the Illinois Central.
Had Been Suspended For About Three Months.
Conductor James Dugan, who has been off for about ninety days for some technical offense, was today reinstated on the Illinois Central, and tonight takes up his regular run from Louisville on No. 203.
Conductor Dugan's many friends will be pleased to learn this good news, and will gladly welcome him back, for he is popular with everybody.
CHARLIE BLUNT DEAD.
His Wife, Sue Blunt, Has Been Converted.
Charles Blunt, husband of Sue Blunt, who was for years well known in Paducah police circles, died yesterday in Brooklyn of pneumonia, aged about 55 years.
His wife, Sue Blunt, has reformed, having recently been converted at Brooklyn, where she is now living in tranquility and retirement. A child of the couple, Linnie Blunt, died last year of pneumonia.

SALUTING CANNON EXPLODES.
Terrible Accident Attending the Irish Celebration Today At Frankfort. Two Men Badly Injured.
BOWLING GREEN SCORCHED.
Fifteen Thousand Dollar Fire Devastates the Business Center of the Town—Insurance One Half.
OTHER LATE TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.
Frankfort, March 2.—Will Overton is dying as a result of the explosion of a cannon used this morning in firing the salute of 100 guns in honor of the centennial of the Irish revolution. Overton is terribly mangled. Capt. Jim Dixon also is very badly injured but not fatally. The legislature yesterday authorized the firing of the salute.
A Disastrous Fire.
Bowling Green, Ky., March 4.—This city was the scene of a severe fire this morning. Townsend's drug store, the Weekly Democrat office, and Millikin's law office were completely destroyed, while Porter's hardware store and McElroy's implement stock in adjoining buildings were badly damaged. The loss was almost \$15,000, with insurance one half.

MARRIAGES IN METROPOLIS.
Dan S. Williams and Miss Copeland Married.
A Couple From Grahamville Also United.
The couple who came to the city yesterday afternoon to be married and could not procure a license because they were too young, went to Metropolis, where they encountered no difficulty in being hitched up. Their names are Dan S. Williams, of Altoona, Marshall county, and Miss Mary A. Copeland, of Stiles. The bride is 18 and the groom 20. They were married by Justice Liggett at his office, and passed through the city in the evening en route home.
Mike Weisenberger and Mrs. Ella Faulkner, of Grahamville, this county, were married by Justice Liggett yesterday in his office at Metropolis. Their ages are 27 and 28 respectively.

WAR NEWS.
Things Patiently Waiting for the Report of the Naval Board of Inquiry at Key West.
Spain Denies That She Will Send a Flotilla of Her War Ships to the Cuban Waters.
Washington, March 4.—There is but little news about the Spanish and Cuban situation. The administration is waiting for the report of the court of inquiry and is still pushing its war preparations.
The naval court of inquiry is still at Key West, not having gone to Havana yet.
Spain denies that she has decided to send a flotilla of war vessels to Cuban waters.
Preparations For War.
New York, March 4.—There is a continuance of the activity at the New York arsenal. The shipping of shells and other projectiles to the fortifications about the harbor continues.
A battery 21 12-inch mortars will soon be received at Sandy Hook for testing before they are forwarded to the points for which they are destined.
The supply of ammunition has been increased in all the magazines and so arranged that it can be immediately available.
A large consignment of ammunition, including powder and projectiles, is ready for shipment at the ordnance department in the Brooklyn navy yard. Commander Swift received instructions from Washington to forward the supplies as soon as possible to Key West, Fla., whence they will be distributed among the United States war vessels. Many of the projectiles were for guns of large caliber.
Washington, D. C., March 4.—The house committee on naval affairs yesterday ratified the action of the sub-committee in recommending an increase of \$100,000 for ordnance and ordnance stores, bringing the total appropriation for this item up to \$900,000, besides the appropriations of \$25,000 for converting six-inch guns into rapid-fire guns, \$15,000 for capping armor-piercing shells, \$50,000 for the manufacture of cartridge machinery—the latter appropriation to go to the ordnance factory. An appropriation of \$275,000 to increase the speed of the Chicago and to replace her old guns with rapid-firing batteries is also recommended and an appropriation of \$250,000 for reserve torpedoes and appliances.

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